Maintenance of Quilon town roads.

267. *MR. K. A. MAHOMED : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amounts allotted for the maintenance of Quilon town roads for 1118, 1119, 1120 ;

(*b*) the amounts spent during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that these roads are in very bad and deplorable conditions for travel ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Rs. 17,842 each year, for untarred roads.

(*b*) In 1118 Rs. 13,761.
In 1119 Rs. 17,526 and
to the end of 9/1120 Rs. 17,776 for untarred roads.

(*c*) They are not in very bad or deplorable conditions.

Edachira and Palakaduchira.

268. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that Edachira and Palakaduchira constructed about 10 years back for irrigating the paddy fields at Nedumprayar, Maramon in Tiruvalla taluk at a cost of not less than Rs. 20,000 to the Government are not at present serving the purpose for which they were constructed ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the tank above the Edachira is silted up and no water was available for the paddy fields this year from that tank and the cross bars above the chira filled with sand have not been cleared for some years now and the channel leading to the tank between the chiras is being filled up with sand and the masonry are leaking and the bunds damaged ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation from the people of the place for taking urgent steps to repair the chiras and clear the tanks ; and

(*d*) what measures they propose to take to meet this urgent need of the cultivators of the locality ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) and (*b*) These being minor irrigation works it is for the ryots concerned to see to their proper maintenance and upkeep in accordance with the rules under the Irrigation Act.

(*c*) A representation from the President of Nedumprayar Desabhivardhini Co-operative Society, has been received by the Chief Engineer, P. W. D.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

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